(b) In the current economic scenario, with its accent on liberalisation, the time tested instrument of futures trading is considered as an effeffctive instrument for price stabilisation. As a part of normal review of the demand, supply and price behaviour of various commodities, the Forward Markets Commission makes recommendations for commencing|resuming futures|forward trading in various commodities including edible oils etc. The views of the concerned Ministries are sought on the recommendations of the Forward Markets Commission. In the case of edible oils, the views of the Technology Mission on Oil Seeds have been received on the futures traing in edible oils and these are under consideration of this Ministry.

Selling of 'Cilcoke' through public Distribution System

2310. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to sell a new domestic fuel i.e. the smoke less 'Cilcoke' through the Public Distribution System in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Central Government has no proposal for inclusion of 'Cilcoke' in the commodities sold through Public Distribution System. Efforts are being made to persuade the State Governments to come forward and popularise use of CILCOKE or domestic consumption.

2311. [Transferred to 19th March, 1993].

Alignment of Indian Standard with European Community

2312. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTSIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to align Indian standard with European Community;

(b) if so, what steps are being envisaged in this direction and by when such proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) what are the benefits that are likely to accrue from this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Bureau of Indian Standards has already undertaken, as an ongoing activity, the harmonisation of Indian Standards with European Standards and EEC Directives and Regulations.

(c) It would improve the credibility of Indian products and thus promote exports to EEC countries.

Fire in Jharia coal fields

2313. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 185 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th December, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the details of damage and lose caused by these fires;